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SUBJECT: 1975 SPRING QUADRIpartite DINNER

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1. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION APRIL 23, UK EMBASSY REP TOLD US AND PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE) THAT CALLAGHAN HAD "MARGINAL PREFERENCE" FOR QUADRIpartite DINNER IN PARIS ON EVENING OF MAY 28 RATHER THAN IN BRUSSELS ON SAME EVENING (AS REPORTED EARLIER REFTEL). IN EXPLAINING HIS MINISTER'S "MARGINAL PREFERENCE", UK EMBASSY REP SAID THAT CALLAGHAN FELT IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS FATIGUING TO HOLD DINNER IN PARIS RATHER THAN TO TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS AND THEN HAVE TO ATTEND QUADRIpartite DINNER THERE. PLAISANT SAID THAT HIS MINISTER WOULD HOST DINNER HERE OR IN BRUSSELS, WHICHEVER WAS MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS.

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH AND

BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO NAIL DOWN THE SITE FOR THE
QUADRIpartite DINNER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT DETAILED
PLANNING CAN BEGIN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT UNCERTAINTY
CONCERNING PRECISE SCENARIO FOR MAY 29-30 NATO SUMMIT
MAY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON OUR PREFERENCE FOR LOCATION OF
QUADRIpartite DINNER, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM
THE FRENCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- BOTH HERE AND IN BONN
GROUP -- OF OUR PREFERENCE (IF WE HAVE ANY) FOR LOCATION
OF QUADRIpartite DINNER. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION.
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